

To: Kluesner, Dave[kluesner.dave@epa.gov]
From: Secretary Ironbound Super Neighbor Council
Sent: Fri 5/9/2014 2:51:02 AM
Subject: Re: EPA's Proposal to Clean Up the Lower Eight Mile of the Passaic River: Links to fact sheets in English, Spanish and Portuguese

Hi Dave Thanks for the links. You might want to make it a little clearer in the presentation that those found to be responsible for the pollution will have to pay for it. A lot of people who spoke to me got the idea that it was going to be expensive for us the taxpayers.

On Tue, May 6, 2014 at 4:11 PM, Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov> wrote:

attached

A century of industrialization and development throughout the Passaic River watershed have left behind toxic muck on the bottom and banks of the Passaic River. From Newark Bay to the Dundee Dam in Garfield, New Jersey, a section of the river referred to as the Lower Passaic River, the sediment is severely contaminated with dioxins, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury, lead and other metals, as well as pesticides and other harmful chemicals. Learn more about the problems by reading the fact sheet:

· [The Passaic River's Polluted Past](#) [PDF 1.3 MB, 4 pp] | [Português](#) [PDF 4 MB, 2 pp] | [Español](#) [PDF 3.9 MB, 2 pp]

On April 11, 2014, the EPA proposed a cleanup plan for the lower eight miles of the river. The proposed plan was released for public review and comment. Of the cleanup alternatives evaluated, the EPA is proposing “Capping with Dredging for Flooding & Navigation” with “Off-Site Disposal of Dredged Materials”. The EPA will hold three public meetings during the public comment period that runs through July 21, 2014 to present the EPA’s cleanup proposal and the other options that were considered. The EPA is particularly interested in comments on the choice of dredged material disposal options (whether off-site disposal or disposal in a container at the bottom of Newark Bay is preferable) and on whether shallower depths in the lower 2.2 miles of the river than those proposed in Alternative 3 might still accommodate reasonably anticipated future uses of that section of the river. Learn more about the proposal by reading the fact sheet:

· [An Overview of EPA's Proposed Cleanup Plan](#) [PDF 1 MB, 4 pp] | [Português](#) [PDF 1.7 MB, 2 pp] | [Español](#) [PDF 1.7 MB, 2 pp]

The EPA conducted a multi-year “Focused Feasibility Study” of an eight mile section of the Lower Passaic River. The study evaluated three cleanup options to address contaminated sediment in this area of the river, as well as a fourth option

of taking no action. Learn more about the options that were evaluated by reading the fact sheet:

· [Cleanup Options Overview](#) [PDF 1.6 MB, 2 pp]

The cleanup proposal can be viewed at: [Proposed Plan](#) [PDF 2 MB, 46 pp]

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